HE PLAYED HIS UKULELE AS THE SHIP WENT DOWN

F C7 F
Yoho, my lads, Yo ho

F Gm
I'll tell you the tale of the Nancy Lee,
C7 F
The ship that got shipwrecked at sea
F Gm
The bravest man was Captain Brown,
C7 F (Bb) F
'Cause he played his ukulele as the ship went down.

Dm Bb7 / A7 /
All the crew were in despair,
Dm G7 / C7 /
Some rushed here and others rushed there,
F Gm
But the Captain sat in the Captain's chair,
C7 F (Bb) F F C7 F
And he played his ukulele as the ship went down...

F Gm
The Bosun said to Stoker Jim
C7 F
You'll have to teach me how to swim
F Gm
The Stoker answered with a frown
C7 F (Bb) F
We can learn together as the ship goes down

Dm Bb7 / A7 /
The Captain said to Fireman Mose
Dm G7 / C7 /
Get straight into your fireman's clothes
F Gm
And while you stand and play your hose
C7 F (Bb) F F C7 F
I'll play my ukulele as the ship goes down.

Yoho, my lads, Yoho (optional instrumental)

F Gm
The skipper shouted fore and aft
C7 F
I'll have no slackers aboard this craft
F Gm
So understand said Captain Brown
C7 F (Bb) F
I want everybody present when the ship goes down
Dm       Bb7 / A7 /
The cook’s gone mad and the bosun’s lame
Dm         G7 /     C7 /
The rudder has gone and the deck’s a flame
F            Gm
My G-string’s flat, but all the same
C7                F   (Bb)   F   F                  C7   F
I shall play my ukulele as the ship goes down  Yoho, my lads, Yo ho

F                Gm
The Captain’s wife was on the ship
C7                  F
And he was glad she’d made the trip.
F            Gm
But she could swim, she might not drown
C7                F   (Bb)   F
So he tied her to the anchor as the ship went down

Dm       Bb7 / A7 /
They sprung a leak just after dark
Dm       G7 /     C7 /
Ad through a hole came a hungry shark
F            Gm
It bit the Skipper near the water mark
C7                F   (Bb)   F   F                  C7   F
As he played his ukulele when the ship went down.  Yoho, my lads, Yo ho

F                Gm
And that’s the tale of the Nancy Lee
C7                  F
The ship that got shipwrecked at sea
F            Gm
And Captain Brown who was in command
C7                F   (Bb)   F
Now plays his ukulele in the mermaid band